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David Waddell, Executive Secretary
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Re: *Petition to Convene a Contested Case Proceeding to Establish
"Permanent Prices" for Interconnection and Unbundled Network
Elements*
Docket No. 97-01262

Re: *BST UNE Tariff Filing*
Docket No. 01-00205

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Following further analysis of our CLEC tariff filing on March 2, 2001, BellSouth believes the following information will assist the Authority in reviewing the tariff.

1. Although the worksheet provided by the Directors as Exhibit A to the Final Order dated February 23, 2001 did not indicate that Elements D.5.1, D.5.2 and D.5.3 should be de-averaged, it appears to BellSouth that they should be. Attached is a revised rate sheet which includes de-averaged rates for those elements.
2. Pursuant to FCC Rule 319(f), BellSouth is no longer required to unbundle OS/DA where it provides CLECs "with customized routing or a compatible signaling protocol." 47 C.F.R. § 319(f). BellSouth provides various methods of customized routing consistent with the requirements of the FCC and therefore did not file rates for Elements G.0 and G.1-G8.

David Waddell, Executive Secretary

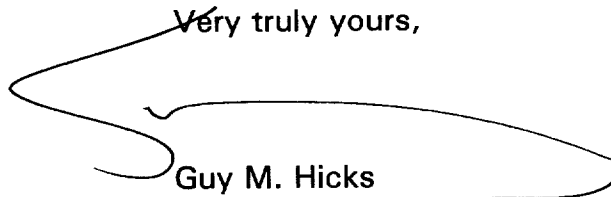
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3. The non-recurring rate Element H.0 Voice Grade Circuits were incorrectly stated as \$769.08 and \$7.69 as a result of a typographical error. Those rates should have been \$768.08 and \$7.68. Those rates are corrected on the attached rate sheet.
4. BellSouth has not included interim number portability rate elements I.0 through I.5 because BellSouth has implemented long-term number portability throughout Tennessee. According to the FCC, ILECs "must discontinue using transitional number portability measures in areas where a long-term number portability method has been implemented." 47 C.F.R. § 52.27(d); *Telephone Number Portability*, CC Docket No. 96-115, *Second Memorandum and Opinion and Order on Reconsideration*, 13 FCC Rcd 21.204 at ¶ 16 (1998).

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Very truly yours,

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